

IMPORTANT EXPULSION INFORMATION

Florida Statutes at 1003.01(6) define expulsion as follows:

Expulsion is “the removal of the right and obligation of a student to attend a public school under conditions set by the school board, and for a period of time not to exceed the remainder of the term or school year and one (1) additional year of attendance. Expulsions may be imposed with or without continuing educational services and shall be reported accordingly.”

With the exception of those behaviors which are required by law to initiate the expulsion process, recommendations for expulsion/deferred expulsion shall include a detailed report by the principal or principal’s designee on the alternative measures taken prior to an expulsion recommendation as specified in Florida Statute 1006.09(1)(c).

The principal has the authority to recommend expulsion to the superintendent who, in turn, has the authority to recommend expulsion to the School Board. The School Board has the authority to act upon the recommendation of the superintendent and order an expulsion.

Caution

Expulsion is the act of divesting a student of his/her right to a public education for an extended period of time. This action can have a serious deleterious effect on a student's continued education, future earning capacity, and ability to be a responsible, productive citizen. When considering an expulsion, consider the weight and nature of the infraction against the responsibility we have as professionals to provide an education to the students that represent our future. If the need to discipline a student and remove a disruptive influence from the school exceeds our responsibility and capacity to educate that student, then a recommendation for expulsion may be indicated. If not, we should try to find a way to reach that student.